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Hawaii galleys earn five-star accreditation

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For a Navy galley to receive the Capt. Edward F. Ney Five-Star Award means it is among the very best. But when five galleys in one region all get it, it is unprecedented.

"This was the first time in the United States that five galleys in the same region received a five-star accreditation," said Hawaii's Region Food Service Officer CWO4 Gerry Condon.

"There are currently 87 ashore galleys in the United States and only 16 of them have been five-star accredited. That means 33 percent of them are located here in this

region."

The Ney Awards were originally established in 1958 by the Secretary of the Navy and the International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA) and implemented to improve and recognize the quality of food service in the Navy. They involve a series of evaluations building up to one final one performed by a team made up of senior Navy mess management specialists from Navy Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP), located in Mechanicsburg, Pa., and representatives from IFSEA.

IFSEA is a food service industry association consisting of executive chefs, operators,

dietitians, consultants, managers and professional catering firms, restaurants, hotels and clubs. They annually award three-, four- or five-star ratings to Navy galleys according to a point system. The evaluation is very detailed and the galleys have to be always ready for a surprise inspection.

"They go through a 33-page checklist and observe our abilities to cook and break down the recipe cards," said Condon.

"They also evaluate our housekeeping, safety, equipment operation, hygiene, inventory control, cash handling procedures and all of



JO2 Jim Williams photo

A First Class Mess Specialist grills some burgers up for lunch at the five-star Diosdado Rome Galley on Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

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USS Port Royal departs



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Friends and families of USS Port Royal bid farewell to the cruiser as it departs to join the USS John C. Stennis aircraft carrier battle group in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Residents asked to control mosquitoes

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Navy family housing residents are urged to take proactive measures to prevent the spreading of a mosquito infestation.

Controlling dengue fever is everyone's problem. By taking such proactive measures and arming yourself with knowledge about dengue fever, you will not only be protecting yourself and your family from the disease but also helping the Navy and the state to eradicate the disease-bearing mosquitoes and further outbreaks of the fever.

The battle against dengue fever, which has erupted across the state in recent months, is still spreading.

As of Nov. 18, there were more than 85 confirmed cases of dengue fever in Hawaii – 62 on Maui, 17 on Oahu and 5 on Kauai.

Dengue fever is spread by the infected Aedes mosquitoes which breed

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Opposition/terrorists 'in standoff' at Kunduz, Kandahar

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 20, 2001 – About three-quarters of Afghanistan is now in the hands of opposition forces, while concentrations of Taliban and Al Qaeda troops continue to be bottled up in the cities of Kunduz and Kandahar, a senior Pentagon spokesperson said today.

"The situation in Kunduz and Kandahar remains the same, which is ... a standoff," Navy Rear Adm. John D. Stufflebeem told reporters at the Pentagon. The situation, he added, "is not unlike what we observed around

Mazar-e Sharif before it fell" to opposition forces Nov. 9. Opposition groups are "working to establish civil order and consolidate their gains, as well as continuing to reduce the Taliban and foreign fighter pockets of resistance," Stufflebeem noted.

He remarked that opposition forces "are working with Afghan counterparts" to obtain the surrender of Taliban and Al Qaeda troops trapped in Kunduz, east of Mazar-e Sharif in the north, and at the Taliban stronghold city of Kandahar in the south. Stufflebeem said American and coalition military forces continue to support opposition requests for "on-call"

air strikes on Taliban and Al Qaeda targets in Kandahar, Kunduz and elsewhere in the country.

Some air strikes could be temporarily suspended at the request of opposition forces, Stufflebeem said, to facilitate their efforts to obtain the surrender of Taliban and Al Qaeda troops.

"I think that it would be fair to say that if the opposition groups were to ask us not to bomb a specific facility or a location so they could continue their discussions, we'll certainly honor that," he said.

U.S. Marines on ships in the theater of operations are under U.S. Central Command chief Army Gen. Tommy

Franks, who is in charge of U.S. military operations in Afghanistan, Stufflebeem told reporters. Franks could conceivably employ the Marines at some point "in traditional doctrine ways ... as well as supporting special operations," he noted.

Stufflebeem said yesterday's U.S. and coalition air operations in Afghanistan involved about 65 strike aircraft, including 50 sea-based tactical jets, 10 land-based jets and a number of land-based bombers. The strikes, he said, focused on Taliban and Al Qaeda cave and tunnel com-

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Several local commands hold change-of-command ceremonies

Nolan relieves Daspit as commanding officer of USS Chosin (CG 65)

Lt. j.g. Mark Aragon
USS Chosin Public Affairs

Capt. Richard J. Nolan, Jr. relieved Capt. Peter R. Daspit as commanding officer of USS Chosin (CG-65).

The turnover took place during a traditional change of command ceremony held recently at the Parche Memorial in Pearl Harbor.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was Rear



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Pfirmsmann relieves O'Meara as commanding officer of USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

Lt. j.g. Kevin O'Neal
USS Paul Hamilton Public Affairs

Cmdr. Frederick W. Pfirmsmann relieved Cmdr. Dennis J. O'Meara as commanding officer, USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), in a change of command ceremony at sea Nov. 16.

Cmdr. O'Meara assumed command of USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on April 7, 2000. Upon completion of the 2000 multi-na-



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Harris relieves Richardson as commanding officer of USS Honolulu (SSN 718)

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USS Honolulu (SSN 718) held a change of command ceremony Nov. 14 as Cmdr. Charles K. Harris relieved Cmdr. John M. Richardson at USS Parche Memorial on Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

"It has been a challenging and glorious 28 months filled with everything a submariner could imagine," said Richardson. "I've been extremely lucky to com-



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